ferced during the last three years and the current year are as follows:—

	(Rs. in crores)
1985-86	4.06
1986-87	6.33
1987-88	4.73
1988-89 (upto 31-10-88)	3.00

(b) During the period 1982 to 1987, Hotel Corporation of India made an investment of Rs. 77.69 crores in the Delhi Srinagar and Juhu Beach hotel properties and Chefair flight kitchens at Bombay and Delhi. The losses of the Corporation are mainly on account of heavy interest and depreciation during the gestation period of the investment. The Company earned a gross operating profit of Rs. 1.30 crores during 1985-86, Rs. 1.89 crores during 1986-87, Rs. 5.86 crores during 1987-88 and 3.29 crores during 1988-89 still October 31, 1988.

(c) Both the Taj and Oberoi hotel chains are well established and older chains of hotels compared to HCI. They have much larger number of hotel properties and higher revenue as compared to HCI.

Complaints Against the E F. O.(power) Northern Railway

729. SHRI BIR BHADRA PRATAP SINGH:
SHRI DHULESHWAR MEENA:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there have been numerous complaints against the E.F.O. (Power), Northern Railway, New Delhi and E.F.O. Power, Central Hospital of Northern Railway, New Delhi for delaying the payments of small contractors deliberately;

(b) whether some Members of Parliament have also written to Government in this regard;

(c) if so, what action has been taken on these complaints;

(d) what is the total number of cases where payments have not been made for more than six months by the said authorities from the date of submission of bills by small contractors; and

(e) whether any enquiry for delaying the payments has been ordered; if so, what is the number of officers who have been transferred or are likely to be transferred on this account?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MAHABIR PRASAD): (a) No Sir.

(b) Letters from three Hon'ble Members of Parliament were received by the Minister of State for Railways.

(c) The complaints were enquired into and no action was considered necessary.

(d) Two bills are lying unpaid due to unsatisfactory work carried out by one contractor.

(e) After enquiry, no action was considered necessary.

Death of Indian in plane accident in Bangkok

730. SHRI ISH DUTT YADAV:
SHRI SHIV PRATAP MISHRA:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) what are the deails of the eleven Indians, including the Indian Ambassador to Vietnam and some members of his family killed in a plane crash in Bangkok on the 9th September, 1988;

(b) what are the details of the incident;

(c) what was the cause of the accident; and

(d) what are the details of compensation and other relief provided to the dependents of deceased by Government?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI K. NATWAR SINGH): (a) The details are: